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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L EC BRUSSELS 6301

LONDON FOR USDEL SECRETARY FOR ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECIN ENGR CG EEC

SUBJECT: US-EC COORDINATION ON NORTLH/SOUTH ISSUES

REF: SECTO 17049

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1. WE AGREE WITH DAVIGONON'S SUGGESTION TO ROGERS IN REFTEL THAT US-EC DIALOGUE ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES BE STRENGTHENED BY REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENCY PERMDEL IN BRUSSELS. THIS INDEED WOULD BE ANOTHER WAY TO CHALLENGE EC TO ALIGN THEIR POSITIONS IN THESE CONSULTATIONS WITH USG.

2. HOWEVER, AS WE LEARNED FROM OUR LIMITED EFFORTS ALONG THIS LINE WITH AMBASSADOR DONDELINGER AND WITH OTHER LUXEMBOURG PERMDEL REPS DURING THEIR PRESIDENCY, EFFECTIVE USE OF THIS CHANNEL (AS WELL AS WITH COMMISSION) DEPENDS IN GOOD MEASURE ON RECEIPT OF TIMELY, SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON. SECONDARILY, IT WILL ALSO DEPEND ON RECEPTIVITY OF DUTCH PERMDEL. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD SOME PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH DUTCH REPS HERE ABOUT FUTURE CONTACTS ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES DURING THEIR PRESIDENCY AND THEY APPEAR TO BE READY TO WELCOME SUCH EXCHANGE. MOREOVER, DAVIGONON PRESUMABLY WOULD ENCOURAGE DUTCH AND OTHER PERMREPS TO COOPERATE.

3. ONE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CONSOLIDATE THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL OCCUR JULY 2 AT LUNCH WHICH AMBASSADOR WILL HOST FOR DUTCH PERMREP AND MEMBERS HIS MISSION. IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL IF WE COULD BEGIN PROCESS AT THAT TIME WITH WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON SPECIFIC ISSUES PARTICULARLY TAILORED TO ROLE OF COREPER AND DUTCH PRESIDENCY. IN ANY CASE, WE WILL, OF COURSE, DRAW TO EXTENT POSSCBTE ON EXISTING GENERAL GUIDANCE AND ASSURE THEM OF OUR DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM ON NORTH/SOUTH AND OTHER MATTERS DURING NEXT SIX MONTHS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) PROVIDE GUIDANCE PRIORNT0 COB JULY 1.

2) ASK EMBASSY BRUSSELS TO TELL DAVIGONON WE PROPOSE TO FOLLOW HIS SUGGESTION AND WOULD APPRECIATE HIS HELP WITH DUTCH AND OTHERS TO ASSURE THAT IT WORKS. HINTON

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